

FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 653 – HB 1383

April 30, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007698): Authorizes the Department of Health to implement a pilot program which would allow county clerks to issue certified copies of computer abstract birth certificates in Unicoi, Tipton, Hamblen, Anderson, Knox, Davidson, Shelby and Hamilton Counties. Participation by such counties would be voluntary. Requires the Department of Health to provide state security paper for the issuance of such certificates. Authorizes county clerks to charge a fee of \$5.00 in addition to any fee established by the Department of Health. Prohibits county clerks from issuing death certificates or altering birth certificates.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$43,500/Recurring
\$3,900/One-Time

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures –
Exceeds \$5,400/Permissive/Recurring
Exceeds \$7,800/Permissive/Recurring

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Revenues - \$43,200/Recurring FY08, FY09
\$62,400/One-Time

Increase Local Govt. Revenues –
Exceeds \$57,500/FY08, FY09/Permissive

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures –
\$43,200 /Recurring/FY08, FY09
\$62,400/One-Time/Permissive

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Eight counties will be authorized but not required to implement the pilot program.
- The Department of Health charges \$450 per month or \$5,400 annually for a connection to their Vital Records database resulting in a permissive

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recurring increase in local government expenditures (for FY09 and FY09) of \$5,400 for each participating county and a recurring increase (for FY09 and FY09) in state revenues of \$43,200 ($8 \times \$5,400 = \$43,200$).

- The Department of Health has a one-time charge of \$7,800 for a terminal to access the Vital Records database resulting in a permissive one-time increase in local government expenditures and a one-time increase in state revenues of \$62,400.
- At least 11,500 birth certificates would be sold through county clerks if all counties authorized to participate in the program were to do so. Such would result in a permissive increase in local government revenues for FY08 and FY09 of \$57,500 ($11,500 \times 5 = \$57,500$).
- County clerks would retain the entire \$5 fee authorized for issuance of such certificates and the Department of Health would continue to receive the same amount of fee revenue per certificate that is generated on such issuances through local health departments.
- Provisions of the bill sunset on June 30, 2009.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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